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Worship with us this weekend!
Laguna Woods “Music Sunday”
Sat. 5pm, Sun. 8, 9 and 10:30am
Aliso Viejo “Fear that God is Not Real” Sun. 9am
(Joshua 24:14-18; 1 Thessalonians 2:7-12; Luke 8:40-56)

We all have a story. Our stories are unique. Each chapter thus far has been marked by surprises, joys, pains, discoveries and adventures. So often we forget our stories. We forget the chapters that have already been written and how they have impacted who we are today, the place we find ourselves and the people we long to be. We are a culture that is focused on advancement and as such has its eyes fixed on the future. Development and progress are paramount virtues in the culture we find ourselves in. We spend little time looking back and remembering the past. When we do look back we often focus on the successes and the joys, but resist dwelling on the painful and challenging times of life. Often times we use clichés like “life is too short to dwell on the past” or “what happened, happened.” Yet, as Christians we are called to look back. We are called to remember. This is a calling that God has given to His people

for thousands of years. As we read the story of Scripture we discover that very early on God's people, the Israelites, were called to remember.

Deuteronomy 5:15-You shall remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt, and the Lord your God brought you out of there by a mighty hand and by an outstretched arm...

Deuteronomy 8:2-You shall remember all the way which the Lord your God has led you in the wilderness these forty years, that He might humble you, testing you, to know what was in your heart, whether you would keep His commandments or not.

There are many more passages like this in Deuteronomy where God's people are called to remember their story. Not for the sake of nostalgia, but that they might remember God's faithfulness, protection, care and guidance. They are called to remember who the God is that they worship. It is in this remembering of His faithfulness that they are encouraged to be faithful to Him in the present and in the future. They are called to respond in faithfulness in the chapters that have yet to be written.

So, I encourage you to spend 15-20 minutes this week remembering. Remember your story and remember how God has been with you. Remember how God has protected you, cared for you, loved you and guided you. Thank Him for His presence in your life.

- Jamin Goggin, Youth Pastor

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UPCOMING EVENTS

“Grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To Him

be glory both now and forever! Amen.” (2 Peter 3:18)

- 1) **SPECIAL WORK DAY: Aliso Viejo Christian School Pre-Construction Work Day, THIS Saturday, June 19th**, 8am-12pm at 1 Orion, AV. Please help us with this special work day. Thank you for serving Christ, our school/church and community by helping with this project.
- 2) **New Member Orientation class:** 2pm at Laguna Woods; call Pastor John at 949-389-0300 or john@lcotc.org
- 3) **Graduate Recognition:** Next Sunday, June 27th – Please contact Jamin Goggin at 949-389-0300 or jamin@lcotc.org with high school and college graduate info
- 4) **Beach BBQ & Worship Service:** Next Sunday, June 27th; Last Sunday of July & August @ Salt Creek Beach 5pm
- 5) **Beth Moore bible study:** June 25th, July 9th and 30th at Laguna Woods in the Board Room (downstairs Youth Room) 9am
- 6) **Angel Food Ministries:** On-line orders **due June 20th** @ 8pm; Distribution day June 26th 10:30am-noon @ Laguna Woods; Call Linda Fodor w/questions 949-302-2870
- 7) **VBS “High Seas Expedition”** July 12th-16th & July 19th-23rd; forms due now; Call Kim Butz w/questions 949-837-4673

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